

Southern Flyer



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Stewart selected to lead N.J. wing; farewell dinner set for March 6

908th AW Commander Col. James N. Stewart is moving to McGuire AFB, NJ, to command the 514th Airlift Wing. Col. Heath J. Nuckolls, currently commander of the 94th Airlift Wing Operations Group, Dobbins ARB, Ga., has been selected to command the 908th. Change of command ceremonies will take place during the both wing's April UTAs, respectively.

A farewell dinner for Colonel and Mrs. Stewart will be held at the Maxwell Officer's Club, Saturday evening of the March UTA. The evening kicks off with a no-host social in the Gold Room at 6 p.m., followed by dinner in the ballroom at 7. Dinner, the "Bama" BBQ Buffet, features barbecue brisket, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, buttermilk biscuits, apple or peach cobbler, "Southern" sweet tea with lemon or coffee. Dress is business casual. The dinner is open to everyone.

Tickets are \$10.50; **sales end Feb. 29**. Unit reps for tickets are: **Ops:** Staff Sgt. Markham; **MXG:** 1st Lt. Magee; **AES:** Master Sgt. Beverly Williams; **ASTS:** Master Sgt. Lindsey; **MSG:** Tech. Sgt. Mitchell; **APS:** Master Sgt. Whited; **LRS:** 1st Lt. Lionberger; **MSF:** Chief Master Sgt. McElwee; **CES:** Senior Master Sgt. Fenn; **CS:** Senior Master Sgt. Tyrone Williams; **SFS:** Master Sgt. Oliver; **SVF:** Master Sgt. Godwin.

POC for the event is Lt. Col. Poteat, 908 AW/CCE, 3-9080. Anyone wishing to speak and/or make a presentation, please see Colonel Poteat.

Assistance campaign in full swing

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign began Feb. 16 and runs to May 7.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

"Requests for assistance have continued at record levels since Sept. 11, 2001," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. "Last year the Air Force Aid Society helped 30,000 airmen with (more than) \$22.6 million in assistance. That's a lot of help. Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help. It is truly an airmen-helping-airmen program."

908AW AFAF project officer Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford agrees. "With the slate of deployments we've experienced, some of our people have already benefited from AFAF. To ensure help is available to others when needed, new contributions are needed," Danford said.

This year wing people will have a chance to show their generosity by donating during commander's call at the March UTA.

"If every person gave as little as \$1, we could exceed our goal," Chaplain Danford said.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Temporary health benefits start for reservists, family members

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense announced Feb. 12 that it will implement provisions of the "2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program" for eligible reserve component sponsors and their family members.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2004 authorized new health benefits, some permanent and some temporary. The 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program includes three temporary TRICARE benefit provisions. Some provisions

are effective as of Nov. 6, 2003, and all expire Dec. 31, 2004.

"These new temporary provisions were designed by Congress to improve readiness and enhance access to care for reserve servicemembers and their families," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We are implementing these new provisions as soon as possible."

TRICARE Management Activity will implement the new provisions in phases starting in the spring. Total expenditures for these new

provisions may not exceed the \$400 million limit established by Congress for fiscal 2004.

One provision temporarily authorizes TRICARE medical and dental coverage for reserve component sponsors activated for more than 30 days and their family members. Eligibility begins either on the day the sponsor receives delayed-effective date active-duty orders or 90 days prior to the date the active-duty period begins, whichever is later.

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Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Families of deployed members meet and greet

Top from left, Becci, and her daughter, Shelby; Amanda, her mom, Peggy, and her brother Michael; and Becci's daughter (front) Jordan and son, Nathan (right)-- all family members of deployed unit personnel. About 130 family members of deployed unit members were treated to luncheon and a chance to meet, socialize and ask questions Jan. 31 at Maxwell-Gunter Annex. The event, co-hosted by the 908th chaplain and family support offices, also featured briefings on legal matters, life skills, personal financial management and TRICARE.

Some return, some depart -- mission not yet complete; reconstitution, families, fitness, safety, funds top issues

Several groups of our deployed folks have returned from the "stans." The rest will follow over the next few weeks.



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

We're glad to get them home, even if it is only for a short time.

After a short rest, and time spent with their families, the Ops folks will be back in the training mode getting recurrent before returning to the theater. From the maintenance perspective, they've been working on aircraft in austere conditions at a feverish pace. Their time home will be used to rest, spend time with their families, and further refine their skills. We've also deployed several people in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom recently. As with all who serve in harms way, our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families.

Meanwhile, in the world of sports.....In April, the 908th will initiate testing for the new physical fitness program. If you have not

started running or doing pushups and sit-ups several times a week, PLEASE start now! I don't want anyone getting hurt, or worse yet; having a stroke or heart attack when testing begins. This is a serious program, and it is here to stay! There is a phase in period, but when the program is fully implemented, the repercussions for failing the test will be serious.

On the safety front...huge kudos to our deployed maintainers whose quick actions prevented major damage to one aircraft, and quite possibly, the total loss of another. The details of these saves are covered in ("Safety never sleeps," page 3). I'm sorry that I'll not be present to personally present major Safety awards to these outstanding contributors, but Colonel

Nuckolls will be proud to do so!

In the area of finance, our budget will be extremely tight through the remainder of this fiscal year. Both the school and RPA manday accounts are taxed to the limit. Therefore, I ask everyone to use your annual tour and any mandays as efficiently as possible.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at my farewell party Saturday evening. It has been my great pleasure to work and serve with you as the 908th Wing Commander. I've often said to many who ask that there is nothing better than to be the Wing Commander in my "hometown" working with fellow Alabamians. Thanks for the wonderful memories! Have a great and productive UTA.

A little bit of Holy Ground -- presence of The Lord a lot closer than we may realize



By Chaplain (Lt. Col. Bob Anders)
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

noticed a book on the back of the Sunday Magazine section that one could order. It was entitled: "The 50 Greatest Escape Stories." I told my wife I just couldn't live another day without it ... O.K. maybe not, but I did tell her that I was going to order it.

I checked the mailbox everyday for my adventure book. Finally, it arrived. I stole time from other endeavors to read it. It was good, very good in fact. But I have to say I was a little disappointed after reading it. It didn't have The Greatest Escape Story ever written. If you are looking for adventure and thrills, then go back and

read the book of Exodus in the Bible. Now, there's an escape story.

But escape is not all that is in the book of Exodus. There is a lot about Holiness. The man, Moses, encountered The Lord at the burning bush, and discovered that he was standing on holy ground. I have always found this whole situation interesting.

This is what I'm thinking. Moses may have traveled that very same path any number of times, but on that particular day, he found himself standing on holy ground. Could it be that on that particular day,

Moses was especially tuned in to what The Lord may say to him. Could it be that he had been walking along on holy ground for a long time and just had never recognized it.

I'm convinced that the presence of The Lord is around a lot closer than we may realize. If we will but pay attention, we can see Him in many ways all around us. The Lord has given us a standing invitation to come into His presence and stand on that holy ground. If we do, we will be blessed beyond belief ... and our lives will become a great adventure.

DoD offers reservists chance to honor employers for support

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Defense Department began accepting nominations Feb. 1 for the 2004 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, which recognizes significant contributions and sacrifices made by employers of National Guard and Reserve members.

For the first time since the awards program was established in 1966, nominations

may be submitted by anyone who has knowledge of a company or organization deserving of the award. Previously, only guardsmen and reservists could submit nominations.

In addition, Defense officials expect to increase the number of awards presented -- previously five -- to as many as 15.

The awards program is particularly important now, because so many of America's employers are affected by the war on terror, said Bob Hollingsworth, executive di-

rector of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

As of Jan. 27, 193,804 guardsmen and reservists were serving on active duty: 164,416 in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve; 2,000 in the Naval Reserve; 19,757 in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve; 6,764 in the Marine Corps Reserve; and 1,057 in the Coast Guard Reserve.

"An essential link has been formed, as many of

America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, their employees," Mr. Hollingsworth said.

Nominations will be accepted at the ESGR Web site at <http://www.esgr.org> through March 15. Recipients will be recognized during Sept. 21 ceremonies in Washington.

Previous award recipients include Home Depot, Miller Brewing, American Airlines, American Express, Intel and UPS.



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Safety never sleeps

Trio avert major mishaps

By Jeff Melvin
908AW Public Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last names of deployed personnel are being withheld as a security measure.

The keen observation, rapid decision-making and selfless action of three deployed maintainers averted major mishaps and prevented damage to two wing C-130s at Base X in central Asia.

Maintainers Senior Master Sgt. Jody "X", and Tech. Sgts. Harless "X" and Rocky "X" are "super heroes," said deployed maintenance squadron commander Maj. Cauley "X".

Tech. Sgts. Harless "X" and Rocky "X" put themselves in harm's way literally and figuratively when they acted as human shields in a close encounter between a tow bar and an aircraft Jan. 4.

A report filed on the incidents states, "while launching out aircraft 85000036 on spot Romeo 6, a local national tow truck pulling an aircraft tow bar passed near the front of the aircraft. At that point, the tow bar shear pin sheared and the tow bar broke away from the truck, moving directly toward the aircraft. Tech. Sgts Harless "X" and Rocky "X" quickly assessed the situation and proceeded to stop the runaway tow bar by physically blocking it with their bodies prior to it striking the aircraft. The line of trajectory indicated it would have penetrated the right lower forward fuselage section of the aircraft. The aircraft flare dispenser magazines are located in this area. They were loaded with M-206 Flares that burn over 1500 degrees F, a type 1.3 munitions explosive hazard. Their quick response and selfless action, without regard to personal safety prevented possible damage to a \$45 million USAF asset and injury to 8 USAF personnel conducting maintenance on and around the aircraft."

In the second incident, Senior Master Sgt. Jody "X" averted a disastrous encounter between East and West Jan. 24, when he, too, jumped into action.

"Senior Master Sgt. Jody "X" just happened to be on the Echo ramp going through the forms on aircraft 042 when an Russian Antonov 124 (larger than C-5) aircraft taxied be-



Sergeant Rocky "X" stands in front of the tow bar he and Sergeant Harless "X" tackled.

hind the aircraft. He realized that it was would be close, so he went out toward the wing to wing walk, if required. He immediately realized the Antonov would not be able to get by without clipping approximately 5 feet of the C-130's horizontal stabilizer. He saw that the pilot wasn't going to stop, so he jumped out in front of the plane and marshaled it to a stop --just about 10 feet shy of impact. This act avoided major aircraft damage and possibly an international incident," read the report on the second incident.

Their actions, Major Cauley said possibly saved lives, especially with the tow bar incident. "There were other people working in the area and they could have been injured from the flares, if the flares had released," she said.

And there's no question their actions prevented damage to our aircraft, she added.

"The tow bar would have struck the aircraft at the nose landing gear area where the flare magazines are. Certain damage would have resulted. And had the Antonov not been stopped, it would have taken off at least 5 feet of the horizontal stabilizer. This would have required extensive repairs by depot engineers and repair technicians."

The deployed maintenance squadron commander added that although the events were surprising, the individuals' actions were not.



Senior Master Sgt. Jody "X" averted unwanted contact between East and West.

"With both events, the individuals demonstrated excellent situational awareness and responded quickly to unique events. Without their quick actions, we could have been without two aircraft for a very long time. It goes without saying that would have made completing our daily missions very difficult."

Although the quick responses of the maintenance trio couldn't be attributed directly to training, it's debatable whether or not less experienced personnel would have responded in kind.

"There is no entry in the AF Form 623s for stopping runaway tow bars or speeding Russian aircraft, so specific training events can't explain their actions.

However, their years of experience and understanding of the inherent dangers of airfield operations allowed them to see, recognize and react to the situations they found themselves in. We could not be more proud of their actions," Major Cauley said.

"I don't consider myself a hero. I was just doing my job," said crew chief Sergeant Rocky "X."

He added, "My first thoughts were about the safety of the flight crew and individuals around the aircraft and to prevent damage to the aircraft. I realized I had to act as soon as I saw the tow bar break away from the truck."

True he may not consider himself a hero, but others aren't as reluctant to praise the trio for their efforts.

Wing selects 2003's top troops

Congratulations are in order for the enlisted, officer and civilian personnel recently named the wing's top performers for the preceding year.

Named the wing's best for 2003 are: Capt. Stacey Bouma, 908CES, Company Grade Officer of the Year; Senior Master Sgt. John Rawls, 25APS, Senior NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Patrick Kowalczyk, 908AES, NCO of the Year; Senior Airman Michael Herman, 908OSF; Airman of the Year; Master Sgt. Karen Koonce, 908CES, First Sergeant of the Year; Archie Green, 908MXS, Civilian of the Year (GS12-GS15 Category) and John Billingsley, 908MXS, Civilian of the Year (GS/WS/WL 7-11 Category).

They will represent the 908th in the Maxwell/Gunter Annual Awards program. Announcement of base-wide winners will be made at the Maxwell/Gunter Awards Banquet held at the Maxwell Officers' Club ballroom March 12. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; social hour begins at 6:30. Fifth CMSAF Robert Gaylor is the keynote speaker. The cost/menu for the event is:

E5/GS5 and above: prime rib, \$19; salmon, \$17; vegetable Wellington, \$17.00.

E4/GS4 and below: prime rib, 15; salmon, \$13; vegetable Wellington, \$13.

Please contact Chief Master Sgt. Cantrell 3-5525 or Chief McElwee at 3-4993 if you would like to attend the banquet.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

908AES medical material distributor Staff Sgt. Patrick Kowalczyk, NCO of the Year



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

25APS NCOIC material handling equipment Senior Master Sgt. John Rawls, Senior NCO of the Year



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908CES first sergeant Master Sgt. Karen Koonce, First Sergeant of the Year

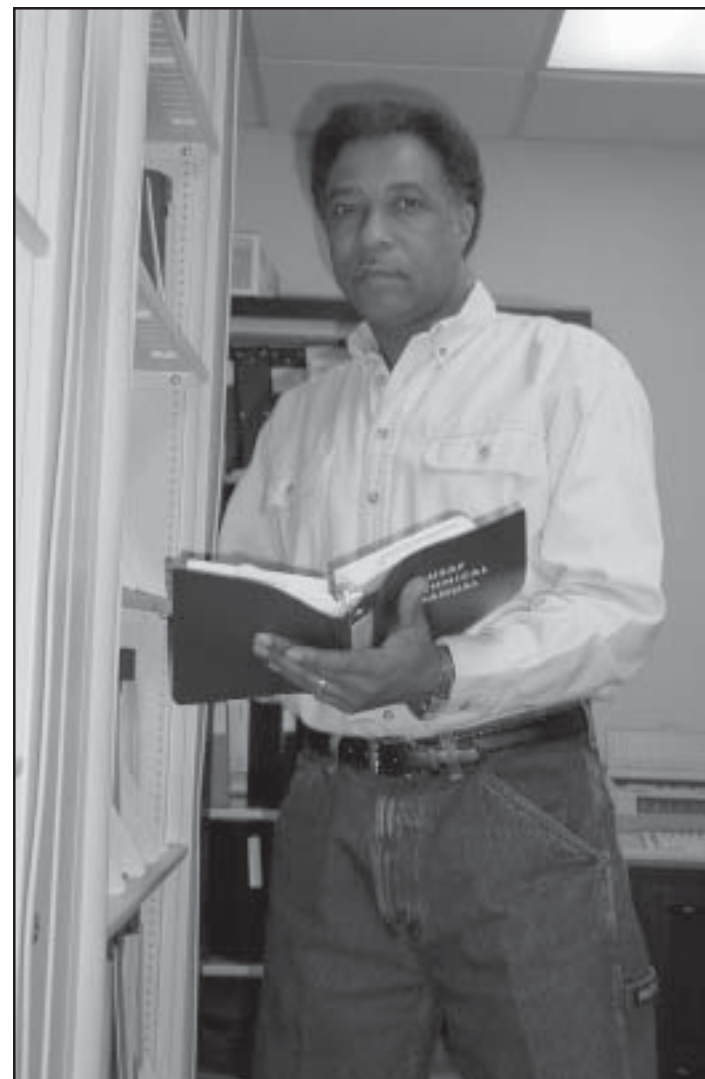


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908MXS technical order librarian John Billingsley, Civilian of the Year (GS/WS/WL 7-11 Category)



908MXS Archie Green, Civilian of the Year (GS12-GS15 Category)



908CES engineering officer Capt. Stacey Bouma, Company Grade Officer of the Year

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superintendent, aerospace ground equipment flight Archie
Civilian of the Year (GS12-GS15 Category).



908OSF intelligence manager Senior Airman Michael
Herman, Airman of the Year

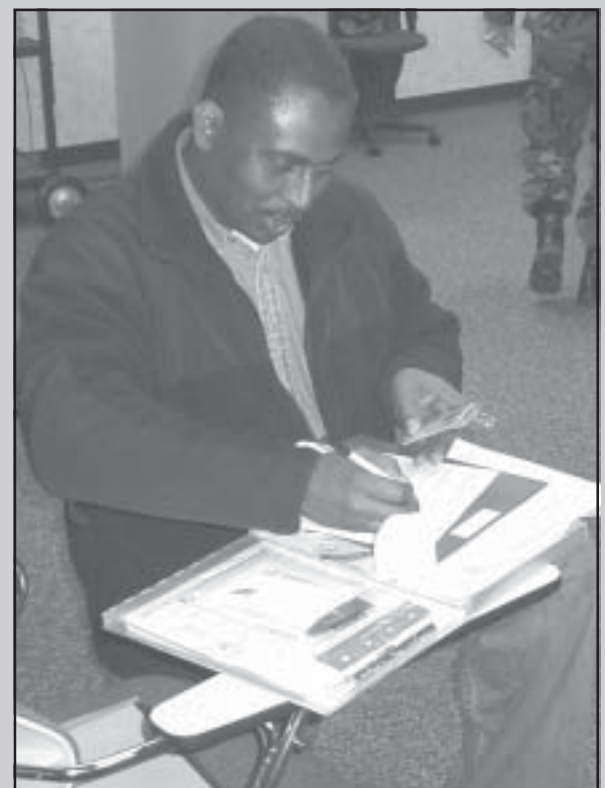
Small groups return from Base X



Chief Mike shares photos with Colonel Stewart and Major Vonada.



Lt. Col. Rod finds there's always a line to process through.



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Senior Master Sgt. Ricky completes paperwork. "You
aren't done 'til you complete the paperwork."



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

908AW Vice Commander Col. C.W. Fox and 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore complete forms to become charter members of the newly created Reserve Enlisted Association.

Are you REAdy?

Newly incorporated Reserve enlisted advocacy organization presents chance for charter members to get in on ground floor

Current and former enlisted men and women have a chance to be charter members of a new advocacy organization for the Reserve enlisted force.

The new organization, the Reserve Enlisted Association, will represent all enlisted Reserve members and will be the only Joint Reserve association focused solely on enlisted Reservists - leading in the advocacy of national policies that support enlisted men and women of the U. S. military Reserve components. REA organizers envision working closely with the Reserve Officers Association to represent Reserve issues to Congress. Together REA and ROA will be a substantial voice for all reservists.

The charter membership campaign kicked off on Veterans Day and runs through May 31.

Charter members pay \$100 for the first year of membership - which will run from the date of application through May 31.

Charter members will be acknowledged in the Association's history and will receive special recognition and exclusive benefits throughout their membership. The higher fee is needed to assist the organization in becoming operational. After the first year of membership (starting 1 January 2005), charter members will renew at the appropriate Regular or Associate member rate.

Regular membership is available to any enlisted member currently serving in or retired from a Reserve component of the United States Armed Forces. Regular members are entitled to vote, hold office, and serve on the Board of Directors. Membership dues are based on an individual's grade and a 1, 3, and 5 year membership will be offered.

The dues are as follows:

	E1-E3	E4-E6	E7-E9
1 Year	\$20	\$30	\$40
3 Year	\$50	\$75	\$100
5 Year	\$80	\$120	\$160

Associate members are individuals who have an interest in the purposes of the Association but do not qualify for Regular membership. They include commissioned or warrant officers serving or having served in a Reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces who had prior enlisted status and any former enlisted member who has been honorably discharged. The annual membership fee is \$40. A 3-year membership is \$100 and a 5-year membership is \$160. Associate members are entitled to vote but are not eligible to hold office.

For more details, see 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore or contact Lani Burnett via e-mail (at iburnett@reus.org) or phone at 202-646-7715. Information may also be obtained from the REA website at <http://reus.org/>.

Temp benefits start

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A second provision temporarily extends eligibility for TRICARE benefits to 180 days under the Transitional Assistance Management Program for reserve component sponsors who separate from active-duty status between Nov. 6, 2003, and Dec. 31, 2004, and their eligible family members.

The third provision temporarily extends TRICARE medical benefits to Reserve component sponsors and family members who are either unemployed or employed but not eligible for employer-provided health coverage. These temporary provisions end Dec. 31, 2004.

"We encourage reserve component sponsors and family members to save health care receipts, claims and explanation of benefits for dates of service from Nov. 6, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2004," said Winkenwerder. "This is necessary if the sponsor is determined to be eligible and the care qualifies for retroactive TRICARE reimbursement once the 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program begins."

The three permanent health benefit provisions of the 2004 authorization act are benefit counselors for the reserve component in each TRICARE region, authorization for medical and dental screening and care for members alerted for mobilization, and TRICARE eligibility for reserve officers pending orders to active duty following commissioning.

Additional information for reserve component families, who have questions regarding the TRICARE benefit or need assistance processing claims, are available on the Web at <http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/> and the Reserve Affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra>.

Each TRICARE region will soon have a designated beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator available to assist members and families with understanding and using their enhanced benefits. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service from a DOD news release)

Homelink helps families communicate

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) -- Operation Homelink is a nonprofit organization that facilitates e-mail communication between deployed servicemembers and their loved ones by providing free, refurbished computers to families of junior-enlisted servicemembers deployed overseas.

"Military families want to know their loved ones are safe when they're deployed overseas," said Dan Shannon, founder and president of Operation Homelink. "Many (families of junior-enlisted personnel) do not own computers and must rely on slow postal mail service and expensive long distance. E-mail can solve this problem."

The all-volunteer organization was formed in February 2003 and has received so many requests for computers that it has had difficulties trying to keep up with the demand.

Although the organization has successfully linked hundreds of military families, word has spread so rapidly more than 2,500 families are waiting for a computer.

The back log is troublesome since Homelink can only accept requests once the military person is deployed -- waiting months to get a computer defeats the purpose.

Besides processing orders, Operation Homelink faces the challenge of acquiring donated computers and coordinating their refurbishment and shipping. Homelink depends on defense contractors and other large U.S. corporations.

To qualify for a free computer, applicants must reside in the continental United States and be a spouse, parent or guardian of an active-duty servicemember who is deployed for 90 days or more. Spouses, parents or guardians of a servicemember who works aboard an active U.S. Navy ship or is a mobilized member of the Reserve or National Guard on recall orders of at least one year and is currently outside the continental United States also qualify.

For more details about eligibility or computer donations, visit the Operation Homelink Web site at www.operationhomelink.org.

March Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, March 5, 2004			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, March 6, 2004			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor/Pharmacy Lobby
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0900	1500	SMT/CCA Training	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 1
0900	1100	Mask Fit Testing	Bldg. 760/Second Floor
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Mgrs Mtg	Bldg. 903/DPMT
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Gas Mask/AI Bag Issue (Newcomers)	Bldg. 848/West Side
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	ORM	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1500	Unit Control Center/SRC Training	Bldg. 1055/Class Rm 1
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
1800	TBD	Col. Stewart's Farewell Dinner	Officers' Club
Sunday, March 7, 2004			
0630	0700	Sign in	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0700	0800	Wing Commander's Call	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training (Initial Only)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25APS
0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitor's Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0900	1100	EET Meeting	Bldg. 1154
		FSTR Meeting - Electronic	
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Weight Monitors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900 1330-1400	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

March UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

***The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the March UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local
Depart Aurora at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates
April 3-4; May 1-2; **June 5-612-13;
July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12
*****note date change***

Take Note



Anthony Green (2) gets free in the lane and launches a shot.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jonathan Ortiz-Torres, Air University Public Affairs



Clarence Thomas tries to elude an SOC defender.



Nick Townsend slips and is swarmed by SOC defenders.

Hoopsters 3-peat as basketball title runners up

For the third year in a row the 908th intramural basketball team squared off against an Air University foe for the base title, narrowly losing the title to Squadron Officers College by a point, 41-40. The determined 908th squad gained some measure of revenge when they trounced two-time defending champions Air University/Mission Support, 59-34 to cruise through the playoffs before falling to SOC in their first encounter, 60-42. Once again faced with a do-or-die situation, the 908th sailed through the losers' bracket to set up a

repeat matchup with SOC for the title. Facing elimination, 908th defeated SOC, 42-38 and forced a rubber match for the title. Despite 20 pts. by newcomer Nick Townsend, the snakebitten 908th squad lost another heartbreaker. The 2003 908AW Basketball Team: Prentice Tucker, coach/player; Anthony Green, asst. coach/player; Robert Green; Clarence Thomas; Sam Gipson; Corey Baker; Nick Townsend; Greg Nipper; Rondi Patterson; Derric Hall; Quintin Rudolph; and Bishop Cochran.

Congratulations to the following people: Promotions

....to Senior Airman
LaKindra Leverett, ASTS

Congrats also to two former 908AW members: **Brig. Gen. Robert Corley**, mobilization assistant to the Headquarters USAF Inspector General, who has been selected to become the vice commander of 22nd Air Force and **Col. Edward F. Crowell, MA** to the commander of 2nd Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss., who has been nominated for promotion to brigadier general:

File vouchers promptly

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq (AFPN) -- When returning from a deployment, the first thing a person should do is go to his or her base finance office, said 1st Lt. Mary Ward, budget officer.

"Be sure to have all receipts handy as they are required for the final voucher," Ward said.

Staff Sgt. Lura Diaz, finance specialist, advises people to have copies of all accrual vouchers filed while deployed.

Some of the most common reimbursable items are lodging, airfare, automatic teller fees, excess baggage, baggage carts, tips, taxis to hotels or airports, and postage for items mailed home.

Filing a travel voucher immediately upon return will not only ensure accurate travel pay and entitlements, but also will mean getting paid sooner.

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